Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 28 Jan 2021 until 23:59 on Friday 29 Jan 2021

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 27 Jan 2021 at 14:41 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Medium next two days but precise snow levels uncertain and dependent on both precipitation intensity and position of a frontal boundary in the south. High for improved conditions on Saturday. Falling from Sunday afternoon regarding whether Atlantic fronts will try to make progress east into the country.

Headline for Thursday 28 Jan 2021: Cloudy with spells of snow, turning to rain lowest ground in south.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 28 Jan 2021

Blizzards High Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** High Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Low Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** High Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** Low Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Light snow	Heavy snow	Light snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Light snow	Light snow
Precipitation probability							
10%	40%	80%	80%	90%	90%	70%	70%

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Weather: Snow will spread north to the rest of the area in the early hours. This will continue through the day, and will turn heavy at times. Less cold air will spread to the Island ranges so turning more to rain in the afternoon, but further north snow could fall to quite low levels during heavier spells. The strong easterly winds will bring blizzards and white-out conditions to the mountains.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Very little chance.

Visibility: Poor or very poor, nil in white-out conditions. Cloud widely down to 450-750m, perhaps a little higher over the far northwest.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	28/37 E	30/41 E	33/43 E	34/45 E	30/40 E	25/36 E	24/34 E	25/34 E	23/32 E
900	25/35 SE	27/38 SE	28/39 E	28/40 E	25/37 E	22/33 E	22/32 E	22/32 E	21/30 E
600	23/31 SE	25/34 SE	28/39 SE	26/40 SE	22/35 E	19/30 E	18/27 E	17/28 E	16/23 E
300	18/33 E	20/35 E	20/36 E	19/33 E	15/28 E	13/25 E	12/24 E	12/24 E	9/19 E
Glen	7/14 N	10/16 NE	10/17 NE	9/20 NE	13/26 NE	11/23 E	12/24 E	12/23 E	11/23 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-6/-16	-6/-16	-7/-17	-6/-16	-5/-15	-5/-14	-5/-14	-6/-14	-5/-14
900	-5/-14	-5/-14	-4/-14	-4/-13	-3/-12	-3/-11	-4/-11	-4/-11	-3/-11
600	1/-6	1/-6	1/-5	2/-4	2/-4	1/-5	0/-6	0/-5	-1/-7
300	1/-5	1/-5	0/-6	1/-5	1/-4	1/-4	1/-4	1/-4	2/-2
Glen	2/-1	2/-2	2/-2	2/-2	3/-2	3/-2	3/-2	3/-2	3/-2
Freezing Level*	100m	100m	200m	200m	300m	400m	400m	400m	300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Very wintry conditions, even to road level in places.

Forecast for Friday 29 Jan 2021
Weather: Further snow overnight and into the morning but gradually easing light, then brightening up from the north in the afternoon with sunny spells.

Maximum wind: East becoming northeast 35 gusts 50mph then easing 25mph in the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Little chance at first but impoving good in afternoon

Visibility: Very poor in snow with cloud at 500-800m becoming good in the clearer conditions spreading south in the afternoon.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 4 on Arran, Zero in the north and falling sub-zero in the evening.
At 800m: Minus 3 Celsius falling Minus 7 in the evening.
Freezing level: 800m in far south at first but generally 300m and falling to all levels by evening.

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